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Convergence of Welfare Schemes
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to integrate all or some of the existing plans like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana, National Rural Livelihood Mission and Indira Awaas Yojana into a single Master Plan for Rural Development and if so, the details thereof along with the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the development plans are mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive;

(b) whether the Government/ Ministry has approached other Ministries/ Departments for consensus on this plan and if so, the details thereof along with the response of other Ministries/ Departments thereon; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government to strengthen various rural development schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): Guidelines have been issued for convergence of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) with the schemes of Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Ministry of Textile and Ministry of Railway and other schemes of this Ministry iePradhanMantri Gram SadakYojana, National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) Indira AwaasYojana etc. The objective of these programmes is to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people in rural areas including women through employment generation, development of rural infrastructure and provision of other basic amenities.

(c) : To strengthen the Rural Development schemes, Ministry has evolved a comprehensive multi-level and multi-tool system of monitoring for implementation of its programme. Appropriate objectively verifiable performance indicators have been developed for each of the specific programme, for effective monitoring at the District, Block, Gram Panchayat and Village levels so that alarm signal can be captured well in advance for mid-course corrections. The important instruments of monitoring are Review by Union Ministers, On-line Reporting through MIS, Utilization Certificates/ Audit Reports, Performance Review Committee Meeting/ Regional Review Meeting, National Level Monitors, Vigilance and Monitoring Committees and Area Officer's Schemes.

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